



2017 Alex Award Winners

Given to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12-18, and selected the previous year's publishing.

Author	Title, Call Number & Brief Description
Durst, Sarah Beth	<p><u>The Queen of Blood</u> SF DURST In Renthia, everything has a spirit: the willow tree with leaves that kiss the pond, the stream that feeds the river. But the spirits of the land want to rid it of all humans. The queen is the only woman who stands between the spirits and the end of humankind, and no matter how strong or good the queen is, the threat of danger always looms.</p>
Gonzales, Manuel	<p><u>The Regional Office is Under Attack!</u> SF GONZALES When a prophecy suggests that an insider might bring about the downfall of a powerful underground organization known as the Regional Office, devoted recruit Sarah and young assassin Rose find their respective lives clashing in a dispute that threatens everything they know.</p>
Guerrero, Diane	<p><u>In the Country We Love: My Family Divided</u> 92 GUERRERO Diane Guerrero, the television actress from the megahit Orange Is the New Black and Jane the Virgin, was just fourteen years old on the day her parents and brother were arrested and deported to Colombia while she was at school. Born in the U.S., Guerrero was able to remain in the country and continue her education, depending on the kindness of family friends who took her in and helped her build a life and a successful acting career for herself, without the support system of her family.</p>
Hart, Hannah	<p>Buffering: Unshared Tales of a Life Fully Loaded <u>Interlibrary Loan</u> By combing through the journals that Hart has kept for much of her life, this collection of narrative essays deliver a fuller picture of her life, her experiences, and the things she's figured out about family, faith, love, sexuality, self-worth, friendship, and fame.</p>
Jennings, Holly	<p><u>Arena</u> F JENNINGS A fast-paced and gripping near-future science fiction debut about the gritty world of competitive gaming...Every week, Kali Ling fights to the death on national TV. She's died hundreds of times. And it never gets easier...The RAGE tournaments--the Virtual Gaming League's elite competition where the best gamers in the world compete in a no-holds-barred fight to the digital death.</p>
McGuire, Seanan	<p>Every Heart a Doorway <u>Interlibrary Loan</u> Children have always disappeared under the right conditions; slipping through the shadows under a bed or at the back of a wardrobe, tumbling down rabbit holes and into old wells, and emerging somewhere...else. But magical lands have little need for used-up miracle children.</p>

<p>North, Ryan</p>	<p>Romeo and/or Juliet: A Choosable-Path Adventure Interlibrary Loan In this choose-your-own path version of "Romeo and Juliet," you choose where the story goes every time you read! What if Romeo never met Juliet? What if Juliet got really buff instead of moping around the castle all day? What if they teamed up to take over Verona with robot suits? Whatever your adventure, you're guaranteed to find lots of romance, epic fight scenes, and plenty of questionable decision-making by very emotional teens.</p>
<p>Rufus, Rob</p>	<p>Die Young With Me: A Memoir Interlibrary Loan In the tradition of John Green's "The Fault in Our Stars" and "Me and Earl and the Dying Girl," this incredibly moving and harrowing true story of a teenager diagnosed with cancer is a "resounding affirmation of how music can lift one's spirits beyond gray skies and bad news."</p>
<p>Simon, Matt</p>	<p>The Wasp that Brainwashed the Caterpillar Interlibrary Loan On a barren seafloor, the pearlfish swims into the safety of a sea cucumber's anus. To find a meal, the female bolas spider releases pheromones that mimic a female moth, luring male moths into her sticky lasso web. The Glyptapanteles wasp injects a caterpillar with her young, which feed on the victim, erupt out of it, then mind-control the poor (and somehow still living) schmuck into protecting them from predators.</p>
<p>Stambach, Scott</p>	<p>The Invisible Life of Ivan Isaenko F STAMBACH Seventeen-year-old Ivan Isaenko is a life-long resident of the Mazyr Hospital for Gravely Ill Children in Belarus. Born severely deformed, yet mentally keen with a frighteningly sharp wit, strong intellect, and a voracious appetite for books, Ivan is forced to interact with the world through the vivid prism of his mind. For the most part, every day is exactly the same for Ivan.</p>